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SUBJ: STOKES MARINE INDUSTRIES VS ALSHAMAL IMPORT-EXPORT AND

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- 1. RESULTS OF EMBASSY INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINT RAISED BY ATTORNEYS FOR STOKES MARINE INDUSTRIES, 505 RACE STREET, COLDWATER, MICHIGAN 49036, FOLLOWS:
- 2. BILLS OF LADING FOR TWO (2) D-8800 CATERPILLAR MARINE ENGINES WERE SIGNED ON BOARD BY CROSS OCEAN SHIPPING COMPANY, INC., ON OCTOBER 1, 1975.
- 3. ENGINES ARRIVED JIDDA PORT NOVEMBER 2, 1975.
- 4. SHIPPING AGENT ADVISED IMPORTER ON MARCH 9, 1976, THAT SHIP DUE FOR BERTHING.
- 5. SHIP (POSSIBLE SS BAGH-E-KARACHI) DOCKED ON MARCH 13, 1976. IMPORTER REFUSED TO ACCEPT ENGINES.
- 6. AS PART OF PORT CONGESTION CLEAN-UP MEASURES. UN-CLAIMED GOODS PUT TO PUBLIC AUCTION. SHIPMENT SOLD ON JANUARY 12, 1977 FOR SR (SAUDI RIYALS) 22,500 (SR3.525EQUAL UNCLASSIFIED

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US\$1.00). AFTER DEDUCTING STORAGE AND OTHER CHARGES, THERE REMAINS ABALANCE OF SR 11,151 TO CLAIMANT.

7. COMMENT: PROBLEM APPEARS THAT GOODS WERE SHIPPED AFTER REPEAT AFTER ORIGINAL LETTER OF CREDIT WAS ISSUED AND EXPIRED. IMPORTER DID NOT REPEAT NOT EXTEND LETTER OF CREDIT. LC OPENED MARCH 29, 1975 AND EXPIRED JUNE 28,

1975.

8. RECOMMENDATION: EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT PORT CUSTOMS WILLING TO PAY BY CHECK IN NAME OF ATTORNEYS FOR BALANCE NOTED. EMBASSY SWOULD BE GIVEN CHECK FOR DELIVERY AFTER PRESENTING (1) DELIVERY ORDER FROM SHIP AGENT IN JIDDA, AND 2) LETTER FROM EMBASSY TO DIRECTOR OF PORT CUSTOMS REQUESTING REFUND OF BALANCE NOTED ABOVE ALONG WITH A PROXY FROM ATTORNEYS BIRINGER AND JACOX, P.C., BRANCH COUNTRY BANK BUILDING COLDWATER, MICHIGAN 49036, TELEPHONE: (517) 279-9745, TO ENABLE THE EMBASSY TO RECEIVE CHECK ON THEIR BEHALF.

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